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SUBJECT: CAMBODIA--THE MILITARY SITUATION

The Cambodian Army high command has committed the 1,800-man strong 80th Brigade to the defense of Kampot City. One battalion of the brigade arrived in Kampot on March 4 and the remainder is scheduled to be flown in today. Government efforts to expand Kampot's defensive perimeter were halted yesterday by stiff resistance. Elsewhere, Khmer Communist forces remain in control of a short stretch of Route 4 some 20 miles west of Phnom Penh. Government units in this area have not yet begun their counterattack. The lull in the fighting around the capital itself continued.

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